



## Indiana State Finals 2021/22

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### How will the Indiana Poetry Out Loud state finals work this year?

For the safety of all of those involved, and in consideration of the different environments in schools across the state this year, the Indiana Arts Commission has elected to hold the 2021-2022 Poetry Out Loud State Finals Contest virtually again.

### State Finals Rounds 1 and 2: Recorded Videos Recitation

*Recorded videos due February 17, 2022, 5pm ET*

The first two rounds of the competition will be conducted through video submissions. Due February 17, 2022, each student competing at the state finals will submit two video files of their poem recitations to the Indiana Arts Commission Flipgrid page, [Round 1](#) and [Round 2](#) respectively. For video recording tips, visit the [National Poetry Out Loud page](#).

The IAC does not want technology to be a barrier for any student or school. We can provide devices or other support related to technology upon request. Contact Stephanie Haines [shaines@iac.in.gov](mailto:shaines@iac.in.gov) or 317-450-9973.

Judging for rounds 1 & 2 will be done on zoom with the judges watching the videos one by one and judging each video much like an in-person event. These judging sessions will not be open to the public.

### State Finals Round 3: Live Recitation online

*via Zoom on March 9, 2022, 5:30pm ET*

Round 3 of this year's Poetry Out Loud contest will be a live zoom video competition at which the students will be on camera and will recite their poem live. Judges will also be watching and scoring live on zoom. We recommend students participating in the third round join the zoom meeting while in their school building to be sure to have reliable internet, quiet space, and a

teacher to support their tech needs. The students' presence in a school building is not a requirement, only a recommendation.

The third round will also stream live on the [Indiana Arts Commission's YouTube page](#). Parents, family, classmates, teachers, and others will be able to watch the livestreamed event in real-time.

### **Scoring and Announcements**

At the conclusion of the third-round recitations, the judges' scores will be calculated in real-time, and the winner of the 2022 Poetry Out Loud competition will be announced live.

### **School competitions may be virtual or in-person**

Schools may choose whether their competitions are conducted in-person or virtually. For more information about virtual competitions click [here](#). For general information about Poetry Out Loud school competitions, check out the Poetry Out Loud [Teacher's Guide](#).

*Due to the ever-changing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic and school environments, the Indiana Arts Commission will continue to evaluate these processes, throughout the year. Any changes will be communicated to all schools in a timely manner.*

